

REMARKS

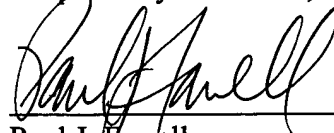
Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action and the Advisory Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated April 13, 2004 and September 3, 2004, respectively. Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1-4 have been allowed. As indicated above, Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Alberth et al.* (U.S. 6,094,565). However, as indicated above, Claim 5 has been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to claim 5 is moot.

In view of the preceding amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-4, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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